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COMMODITY/ORIGIN/DISTRICT	*MODE	DEC 01	DEC 02	DEC 03	DEC 04	DEC 05	DEC 06	DEC 07	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	LAST YEAR
WATERMELONS											
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC											
IMPORTS THROUGH SAN JUAN (PUERTO RICO)	B	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	39	37	92
MEXICO											
MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH PROGRESO, TX	T	4	-	-	2	4	-	2	71	54	501
GRAND TOTALS		6	-	-	2	4	-	2	241	109	817

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WATERMELONS, SEEDLESS												
BRAZIL												
IMPORTS THROUGH PHILADELPHIA-CAMDEN	B	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	28	15	52
GUATEMALA												
IMPORTS THROUGH FREEPORT (TEXAS)	B	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	5	-	27
IMPORTS THROUGH GALVESTON (TEXAS)	B	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	26	3	108
IMPORTS THROUGH LOS ANGELES-LONG BEACH	B	2	-	-	-	3	3	4	-	17	1	308
IMPORTS THROUGH PHILADELPHIA-CAMDEN	B	-	-	-	-	-	37	14	-	124	17	912
IMPORTS THROUGH PT CANAVERAL (FLORIDA)	B	-	-	-	-	21	-	-	-	46	27	1527
IMPORTS THROUGH SOUTH FLORIDA/TAMPA	B	-	-	-	21	32	-	-	-	69	6	1505
IMPORTS THROUGH WILMINGTON (DELAWARE)	B	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	114
MEXICO												
MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH OTAY MESA	T	7	-	-	8	2	1	1	-	201	229	943
MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH PHARR, TX	T	5	-	-	9	3	14	8	-	382	240	1678
MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH PROGRESO, TX	T	17	-	-	10	12	23	22	-	1929	2103	9077
MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH RIO GRANDE CITY	T	-	-	-	32	-	24	-	-	329	395	1131
MEXICO CROSSINGS THRU NOGALES	T	40	-	-	90	39	99	46	-	5884	4070	22754

## WATERMELONS, SEEDLESS, MINATURE

<b>MEXICO</b>											
MEXICO CROSSINGS THRU NOGALES	T	4	5	-	4	5	3	4	267	274	1205
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>		<b>79</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>9594</b>	<b>7772</b>	<b>41910</b>

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CANTALOUPS											
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC											
IMPORTS THROUGH SOUTH FLORIDA/TAMPA	B	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	10	7	97
GUATEMALA											
IMPORTS THROUGH FREEPORT (TEXAS)	B	-	-	-	-	17	-	-	37	-	92
IMPORTS THROUGH GALVESTON (TEXAS)	B	-	-	-	-	20	-	-	54	52	792
IMPORTS THROUGH HOUSTON	B	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	25	22	408
IMPORTS THROUGH LOS ANGELES-LONG BEACH	B	26	-	-	9	19	31	27	173	138	2871
IMPORTS THROUGH PHILADELPHIA-CAMDEN	B	3	-	-	9	6	133	5	505	203	3180
IMPORTS THROUGH PT CANAVERAL (FLORIDA)	B	2	-	-	-	144	2	28	727	321	2830
IMPORTS THROUGH SOUTH FLORIDA/TAMPA	B	-	-	-	15	30	8	-	436	485	2341
IMPORTS THROUGH WILMINGTON (DELAWARE)	B	13	-	-	4	-	-	-	81	9	424
MEXICO											
MEXICO CROSSINGS THRU NOGALES	T	13	-	-	3	11	14	-	914	856	2121
GRAND TOTALS		57	-	-	40	250	198	61	23742	21245	34323

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COMMODITY/ORIGIN/DISTRICT	*MODE	01	02	03	04	05	06	07		YEAR	YEAR	YEAR
<b>HONEYDEWS</b>												
<b>BRAZIL</b>												
IMPORTS THROUGH PHILADELPHIA-CAMDEN	B	-	-	-	4	-	-	-		25	27	81
<b>GUATEMALA</b>												
IMPORTS THROUGH FREEPORT (TEXAS)	B	-	-	-	-	8	-	-		17	-	14
IMPORTS THROUGH GALVESTON (TEXAS)	B	-	-	-	10	-	-	-		12	6	282
IMPORTS THROUGH HOUSTON	B	-	-	-	-	-	2	-		3	3	117
IMPORTS THROUGH LOS ANGELES-LONG BEACH	B	6	-	-	1	2	15	9		41	13	831
IMPORTS THROUGH PHILADELPHIA-CAMDEN	B	-	-	-	1	2	109	10		238	39	1156
IMPORTS THROUGH PT CANAVERAL (FLORIDA)	B	-	-	-	-	44	11	10		258	174	1104
IMPORTS THROUGH SOUTH FLORIDA/TAMPA	B	-	-	-	1	13	1	-		38	68	803
IMPORTS THROUGH WILMINGTON (DELAWARE)	B	4	-	-	-	-	-	-		8	2	76
<b>MEXICO</b>												
MEXICO CROSSINGS THRU NOGALES	T	23	-	-	38	18	30	25		1478	1406	4173
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>		<b>33</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>54</b>		<b>8579</b>	<b>6922</b>	<b>13998</b>

\* [T]-TRUCK, [A]-AIR, [B]-BOAT, [P]-PIGGYBACK, [R]-RAIL

\*\* District breakdown not available for rail/piggyback

**SHIPPING POINT INFORMATION**

Sales F.O.B Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis for December 8, 2023. Prices represent open (spot) market sales by first handlers on product of generally good quality and condition unless otherwise stated and may include promotional allowances or other incentives. No consideration is given to after-sale adjustments unless otherwise stated. Reported prices generally include, but are not limited to, applicable brokerage fees and commissions, Customs fees and duties, U.S. packaging and U.S. freight costs prior to first sale, paid by the shipper/seller. Delivered Sales, Shipping Point Basis excludes all charges for freight after sale.

**CENTRAL AMERICA IMPORTS -PORTS OF ENTRY SOUTH FLORIDA**

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and/or Delivered Sales, Shipping Point Basis

**CANTALOUPS:** SUPPLY FAIRLY LIGHT. DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. GUATEMALA. By Boat. Wide range in quality, condition and price. Most present shipments from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. 1/2 cartons 9s 14.85-16.95 mostly 14.95-16.95 some 13.95 fr cond 10.00 12s 14.85-15.95 mostly 14.95-15.95 fr cond 10.00 15s supplies insufficient to quote oversized 1/2 cartons 6s (5 size) 12.95 9s (6 size) 14.85-16.95 mostly 14.95-16.95 some 13.95 fr cond 10.00

**HONEYDEWS:** SUPPLY LIGHT. DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET SLIGHTLY LOWER. GUATEMALA. By Boat. Wide range in quality, condition and price. Most present shipments from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. 2/3 cartons 5s 12.95-13.95 mostly 13.85-13.95 fr cond 10.00 6s 12.95-13.95 mostly 13.85-13.95 fr cond 10.00 oversized 2/3 cartons 4s (3 size) 10.95 5s (4 size) 12.95-13.95 mostly 13.85-13.95

**CENTRAL AMERICA IMPORTS -PORTS OF ENTRY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and/or Delivered Sales, Shipping Point Basis

**CANTALOUPS:** SUPPLY LIGHT. DEMAND FAIRLY GOOD. GUATEMALA. By Boat. Most Present shipments from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. 1/2 cartons 9s 15.50-16.00 occasional higher 12s 16.00 occasional higher oversized 1/2 cartons 6s (5 size) 16.00 9s (6 size) 16.50-17.00 occasional higher. **FIRST REPORT.**

**MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH NOGALES, ARIZONA**

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and/or Delivered Sales, Shipping Point Basis

**HONEYDEWS:** DEMAND LIGHT. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. Extra services included. Wide range in quality and condition. 2/3 cartons 5s 3.95-6.95 mostly 4.95-5.95 occasional lower 6s 3.95-6.95 mostly 4.95-5.95 occasional lower

**WATERMELONS:** SUPPLY VERY LIGHT. DEMAND LIGHT. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. Extra services included. Wide range in quality and condition. cartons Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s 20.95-24.95 mostly 22.95-24.95 occasional lower 5s 20.95-24.95 mostly 22.95-24.95 occasional lower Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 12.95-14.95 occasional lower 8s 12.95-14.95 occasional lower 9s 12.95-14.95 occasional lower 24 inch bins Red Flesh Seedless Type approx 35 count 200.00-210.00 occasional higher and lower approx 45 count 200.00-210.00 occasional higher and lower

**MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH TEXAS**

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and/or Delivered Sales, Shipping Point Basis

**WATERMELONS:** DEMAND GOOD. MARKET HIGHER. Wide range in quality and condition. 24 inch bins Red Flesh Seedless Type approx 35 count 225.00-252.00 mostly 235.00-245.00 approx 45 count 235.00-255.00 mostly 245.00-255.00 approx 60 count 200.00-225.00 mostly 210.00-225.00

**WHOLESALE TERMINAL MARKET PRICES AS OF December 8, 2023.**

This is only a sample of wholesale terminal market reports. For a complete and current listing <http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/mncs/fvdaily.htm>

**ATLANTA**

**CANTALOUPS:** OFFERINGS VERY LIGHT. 1/2 cartons CA 9s 16.00-20.00 mostly 19.00-19.50 few 22.00 12s 18.50-20.50 mostly 19.50-20.00 few 16.50-17.50, occas higher GU 12s 20.00-21.00 MX 12s 22.00

**HONEYDEWS:** OFFERINGS VERY LIGHT. 2/3 cartons AZ 5s 14.00-16.00 mostly 15.00-16.00 few 17.00-18.00 CA 5s 16.00-18.00 mostly 17.00 occasional 22.00 6s 17.50-20.00 mostly 18.00-18.50 few 21.75 8s 14.50-16.50

**WATERMELONS:** OFFERINGS VERY LIGHT. cartons MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 5s 36.50-39.50 Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 8s 26.50

**BOSTON**

**CANTALOUPS:** MARKET STEADY. 1/2 cartons AZ 9s 18.00-20.00 12s 18.00-20.00 GU 9s 17.00-18.00 ord cond 4.00-6.00 poor cond 1.00-3.00 12s 17.00-18.00 ord cond 4.00-6.00 poor cond 1.00-3.00

**HONEYDEWS:** MARKET STEADY. 2/3 cartons GU 5s 12.00-13.00 6s 12.00-13.00 MX 5s 10.00-14.00 mostly 11.00-12.00 6s 10.00-14.00 mostly 11.00-12.00

**WATERMELONS:** MARKET STEADY. flat cartons MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s 26.00-28.00 occas higher and lower 5s 33.00-34.00 occas higher and lower fineappear 40.00 Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 18.00-20.00 8s ord cond 6.00-8.00 24 inch bins per melon MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 36s 11.00 45s 7.00-8.00 60s 6.00 TX Red Flesh Seedless Type 36s 11.00 45s 8.00 60s 6.00

**CHICAGO**

**CANTALOUPS:** MARKET ABOUT STEADY. Wide range in quality and condition. 1/2 cartons GU 12s 19.00 MX 9s 16.00 oversized 1/2 cartons CA 9s (6 size) 19.00 GU 9s (6 size) 16.00-18.00 MX 9s (6 size) 16.00 occasional higher

**HONEYDEWS:** MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 2/3 cartons CA 5s 14.00 occasional lower 6s 14.00 occasional lower oversized 2/3 cartons MX 5s 12.00 6s 12.00

**WATERMELONS:** MARKET STEADY. cartons MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s 26.00 fineappear 36.00-37.00 5s 26.00 fineappear 30.00-32.00 flat cartons MX Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 8s 23.00 9s 24.50 24 inch bins FL Red Flesh Seedless Type 45s 290.00-300.00 60s 270.00-280.00 occasional higher MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 45s 325.00 60s 325.00 few 285.00

**ORGANIC WATERMELONS:** flat cartons MX Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s offerings insufficient to quote 9s offerings insufficient to quote

**LOS ANGELES**

**CANTALOUPS:** OFFERINGS ARIZONA VERY LIGHT. MARKET ABOUT

STEADY. wide range in quality and condition. 1/2 cartons AZ 9s 13.00-16.00 mostly 14.00-15.00 12s offerings insufficient to quote GU BOAT 9s 16.00-19.00 mostly 17.00-18.00 MX 9s 12.00-15.00 mostly 13.00-14.00 occas higher/lower 12s 12.00-14.00 mostly 12.00-13.00 occas higher/lower oversized 1/2 cartons GU BOAT 9s (6 size) 20.00-22.00 MX 9s (6 size) 13.00-15.00 mostly 14.00 occas lower

**HONEYDEWS:** OFFERINGS ARIZONA VERY LIGHT. MARKET ABOUT

STEADY. wide range in quality and condition. 2/3 cartons AZ 6s 9.00-12.00 mostly 10.00-11.00 occas higher/lower MX 5s 8.00-11.00 mostly 9.00-10.00 occas higher/lower 6s 7.00-10.00 mostly 8.00-9.00 occas higher/lower 8s 6.00-9.00 mostly 7.00-8.00 occas higher/lower oversized 2/3 cartons MX 5s (4 size) 11.00-13.00 mostly 12.00-13.00 occas higher/lower

**WATERMELONS:** OFFERINGS BINS

RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE VERY LIGHT. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. wide range in quality and condition. cartons MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s 25.00-28.00 mostly 26.00-27.00 occas higher/lower 5s 29.00-32.00 mostly 30.00-31.00 occas higher 6s 22.00-24.00 mostly 23.00-24.00 occas higher/lower 8s 20.00-22.00 mostly 20.00-21.00 occas higher/lower flat cartons MX Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 12.00-14.00 mostly 13.00-14.00 occas higher 8s 12.00-14.00 mostly 13.00-14.00 occas higher 9s 12.00-14.00 mostly 13.00 occas higher 24 inch bins MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 45s 205.00-210.00 occas higher/lower 60s 215.00-220.00 occas higher

**ORGANIC WATERMELONS:** flat cartons MX Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 9s offerings insufficient to quote 11s offerings insufficient to quote

**MIAMI**

**CANTALOUPS:** MARKET ABOUT

STEADY. 1/2 cartons GU 9s 18.00-20.00 occas higher 12s 18.00-20.00 occas higher

**HONEYDEWS:** MARKET ABOUT

STEADY. 2/3 cartons GU 5s 14.00-16.00 6s 14.00-16.00

**WATERMELONS:** MARKET ABOUT

STEADY. 24 inch bins per melon FL Red Flesh Seedless Type approx 36 count 6.50-7.00 approx 45 count 5.00-6.00 approx 60 count 4.50-5.00 75-80s 4.00

**NEW YORK**

**CANTALOUPS:** MARKET ABOUT

STEADY. 1/2 cartons GU 9s 12.00 12s 12.00 fineappear 14.00-16.00 open top, occas higher MX 12s one lot 14.00-16.00 holdovers 12.00 oversized 1/2 cartons GU 9s (6 size) 14.00-15.00 fineappear 16.00-18.00 occas higher MX 9s (6 size) some 16.00, occas higher

**HONEYDEWS:** MARKET SLIGHTLY

LOWER. 2/3 cartons GU 5s 10.00-12.00 fineappear 12.00 few 14.00 6s 10.00 fineappear 12.00-14.00 MX 5s 12.00-14.00 6s 10.00-12.00 occas higher oversized 2/3 cartons GU 5s (4 size) 10.00-12.00 fineappear 14.00 occas higher MX 5s (4 size) 12.00-14.00

**WATERMELONS:** MARKET ABOUT

STEADY. 24 inch bins MX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 45s fr appear Offerings insufficient to quote cartons 4s per carton MX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 60-64 lb 40.00 65-69 lb fineappear one lot 42.00-44.00

**PHILADELPHIA**

**CANTALOUPS:** MARKET GUATEMALA

OVERSIZED 9S SLIGHTLY HIGHER, OTHERS STEADY. 1/2 cartons GU 12s 16.00-17.50 oversized 1/2 cartons GU 9s (6 size) 16.00-18.00

**HONEYDEWS:** MARKET MEXICO

LOWER, OTHERS ABOUT STEADY. 2/3 cartons MX 5s 12.00-15.00 mostly 12.00-14.00 few lower 6s 12.00-15.00 mostly 12.00-14.00 few lower oversized 2/3 cartons GU 5s (4 size) 16.00-18.00

**WATERMELONS:** MARKET STEADY.

cartons FL Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 5s 32.00 flat cartons MX Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 5s 20.00 6s 20.00 8s 24.00 24 inch bins FL Red Flesh Seedless Type 36s 250.00 45s 280.00 60s 280.00